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Food Department (B)

Letter No. 27003 B/49-1 dated 14-7-1949.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Food, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Austerity measures - Enforcement.

Read: Your telegram No.RP.1085/7/dated 14-7-1949.

With reference to the telegram cited I am directed to state as follows:-

1. Limitation of guests at functions where meals are served. Under the existing orders, no person shall give or allow to be given or take food at any party other than a marriage party, at which the number of persons to whom food is served, in any form, including the person or person giving the party, exceeds 30. In the case of marriage parties, the number of persons that can be fed has been fixed at 50, including, the bride, bridegroom, their relatives and guests and the feeding should be limited to the marriage day and only two meals should be served on that day. These restrictions are relaxed by Government only in exceptional cases.

2. Notice to be given by caterers and hosts if more than 20 persons are to be served food at a function: This Government do not consider it necessary to make it obligatory on the part of those who give parties to notify to the rationing or Civil Supplies authorities, when the number of persons to be entertained is more than 20 but less than the number prescribed in view of the restrictions already existing and which are bring strictly enforced.

3. Three course meals restricts in restarurats and establishments: Under the Madras Food (Restrictions on service of meals by catering establishments) Order 1947, the number of courses to be served at a meal in catering establishments has been restricted to three and the choice of the dish has been prohibited except in the case of the substantial dish when consumers will be allowed the choice of either a not dish or a cold dish, the latter having been allowed to consist of assorted cold meats. The kinds of "Horsd'oeuvre" to be served, has also been restricted to three. These restrictions continue to be in force.

4. Extraction rates for flour and atta. This Province does not manaufacture sooji, rava, or maida or at any rate net on an appreciablescale, nor are wholemeal tta or wholemeal flour for bread etc. are extracted. However, this Government have restricted the output ofbran in milling wheat in this Province to 5% of th whole wheat.

5. Supply of extra foodgrains for religious and social festivals: This Government have already fixed the maximum cereal ration that should be allowed for religious functions and ceremonies. Only in exceptional cases, extra rations over the limit already fixed, are granted. Most of the rations are not at all drawn and the quantity involved is small. In view of the fact that only the minimum requirements have been provided for and that the small saving that could be effected and which if done ordered at the cost of interfering with the cherished religious customs and manners of the people this Government consider that the existing instructions to issue special rations for religious ceremonies should continue.

6. Prohibition on use of cereals or products in making of cakes, pastries, sweetmeats, etc. No such pro[illegible]

exists in this Province. The scale and composition of cereal ration to non-meals hotels, biscuit manufacturers, etc. are altered from time to time with reference to the availability of different kinds of cereals. This Government do not consider it necessary to impose a total prohibition on the use of cereals or their products in the making of cakes, pastries etc. as such as prohibition would retard the consumption of the large stocks of unfamiliar foodgrins, such as, maize, semolina etc. allotted to this Province.

7. European Styled establishments.

(a) Prohibition of service of rice. Hotels and clubs in rationed areas, which serve meals in European style were not originally allowed rice. But, the question was reexamined in July 1948 and this Government decided to allow rice to these establishments also reducing the wheat supply correspondingly, as in view of the changed conditions after August 1947 the European visitors to these hotels touring dwindled and their place taken by Indians. This Government do not consider it necessary to change this decision.

(b) Restriction to one slice of baker's bread or one roll per person per meal:-

This Government consider that prescribing the number of slices for each meal

might like two slices at lumch and more at breakfast or vice-versa. Besides, the issue of bread is liberalised or restricted according to the availability of maida. Whenever stocks of maida or wheat go down, the issue of bread ration is restricted to habitual wheat eaters only. s there are large stocks of maida in this Province, there is no necessity to impose any restriction.

8. Restriction of bread and/or cereals including rice to 6 oz. per day per person in establishments in rationed areas. No difference to made in this provision between the scale and composition of ration between a cardholder and a person taking food in an establishment nor between a resident and a non-resident boarder. The scale of 6 oz. per person per day or 3 oz. per meal to non-resident boarders suggested by India is inadequate. Accodding to the present scale of rations in this Province meals hotels and residential establishments will get rations at the rate of 6 oz. per person per meal. This Government do not consider it necessary to reduce this scale.

9. Prohibition of service of snacks containing any portion of cereals or their products in establishments in rationed areas:

Clubs and hotels in rationed areas of this Province have been asked not to serve any snacks made out of rice or broken rice, all preparations in non-meals hotels come under this category. As the supply of rice has been totally stopped to non-meals establishments and only small quantities of broken rice if available are issued, this Government consider that no further of restrictions are necessary.

10. Periodical inspection of foodstalls and establishments and checking on the basis of indents for supplies by establishments. Instructions have been issued for periodical inspection of the accounts and stocks of establishments by rationing officials .

11. Ban on making ice-cream, and khoya from milk, and ban on the use of milk and milk products in making sweetmeats for distribution and sale: The Madras Milk (use in catering establishments) Order 1945 was rescinded by this Government in April 1947 with the concurrence of the Government of India. No specific complaints regarding the scarcity of the milk supply have so far been received by this Government. This Government therefore do not con-

No specific complaints regarding the scarcity of the milk supply have so far been received by this Government. This Government therefore do not consider it necessary to reimpose the control.

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To
The R.F.C. Madras.
The Board of Revenue.
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